

the general public understands that maybe that's their way of helping each year even though it really hurts quite often to have to pay that tax when you license your car again for the next year. The thing that I have been concerned about when I listen to raising the sales and income tax statewide is because the state will set up some kind of formula for the distribution of that tax and we all know what happened on LB 1059. That is a very unfairly distributed tax and I cannot help but speak out on it again because I think this smacks of the same idea, has the same concept of the state deciding who will get the money after the state collects it. The other thing that I want to mention since I finally have the opportunity to speak, I don't get in line quickly enough and yesterday you adjourned before I had a chance. So I want to mention the fact that quite often I vote with the rural senators because I feel and firmly believe that in Nebraska we are all farmers. Now I said that at a Chamber meeting in Lincoln several months ago and one young man who has a business here in Lincoln was...disagreed with me strongly because he said he's not a farmer, but I insist that we are all farmers. Our economy depends on agribusiness. ConAgra certainly is an agribusiness business. We have a lab here in Lincoln who does research in the agricultural field. So I think we cannot separate ourselves that way, but we are, as usual, we are separating ourselves. The farmers, agricultural people do not look at themselves as business people except maybe when they want to, but they are business people. Business people must look upon themselves as agricultural related, the small town banks, the big town banks, we're all in it together and it pains me to see this developing the way it is. I am hopeful we will get 1063 up so at least...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR CROSBY: ...the two are running parallel and so I'll vote against this amendment again simply because of what I said, Senator Lynch, because, and I think you are realistic about it. You know that we can't take it off motor vehicles. But I will take some more notes and continue to listen and watch and wait. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Crosby. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LB 28, LB 169, LB 274, LB 275 and LB 275A. (See page 983 of the Legislative Journal.) Next speaker is Senator Withem.